## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jian-Kang ZHU, et al. GAU: 1638

SERIAL NO: 10/749,386 EXAMINER: BAUM, S.F.

FILED: January 2, 2004

FOR: PROTEINS AND DNA RELATED TO SALT TOLERANCE IN PLANTS

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

## SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 14, 2009 The items checked below are appropriate:

- A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 was filed for 3 months.
- A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for filing the Notice of Appeal is attached.
- ☐ A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is attached.

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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